

6685. Adulteration of tomato catsup. U. S. * * * v. Robert C. Chance and Wilmer Chance (R. C. Chance's Sons). Pleas of guilty. Fine, \$50. (F. & D. No. 8986. I. S. Nos. 2372-p, 1208-p, 8610-p, 2839-p.)

On October 16, 1918, the United States attorney for the District of New Jersey, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Robert C. Chance and Wilmer Chance, copartners, trading as R. C. Chance's Sons, Mount Holly, N. J., alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about September 29, 1917, September 20, 1917, September 9, 1917, and September 24, 1917, from the State of New Jersey into the States of Connecticut, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Michigan, respectively, of quantities of tomato catsup which was adulterated; One of the shipments was unlabeled, and the remaining shipments were labeled in part, "Table Talk Brand * * * Manufactured by R. C. Chance's Sons Phila. Pa. and Mt. Holly, N. J."

Examination of samples of the articles by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the catsup in each shipment to be partially decomposed.

Adulteration of the article in each shipment was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted, in whole or in part, of a filthy, putrid, and decomposed vegetable substance.

On October 24, 1918, the defendants entered pleas of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*